OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

In reply refer to
Action Memorandum No. A-435

Date _____26 October 1964

TO

Deputy Director/Support

SUBJECT

Emergency Planning

REFERENCE

1. I have received policy approval from the Director to proceed along the lines of modernizing our emergency planning in accordance with some of the discussions which you and I have held. These are: first, the development of the present Headquarters building into a permanent site with the necessary fallout proofing and hardening that would be required to operate under wartime conditions -this would include doing what we can with the present Headquarters building in the way of preparing the lower levels for emergency operations, i.e., consideration of developing steel blinds for the windows, etc., which might enable us to use the bottom two floors under emergency conditions; secondly, planning for an annex building which would have as many, if not more, floors below the ground as it would have above the ground so that it could be in effect an emergency relocation area. I am advised that this thinking is similar to that in other major Government departments and agencies, and believe that we will be able to count on support in any request for funds necessary.

2. I would like to meet with you and those of your staff that should be involved at an early date to discuss how we proceed from here and the general allocation of responsibilities for aggressively developing and pursuing such plans. I am contemplating a complete reorganization of the emergency planning system of the Agency.

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also and re-examine our whole vital records program. We may wish to

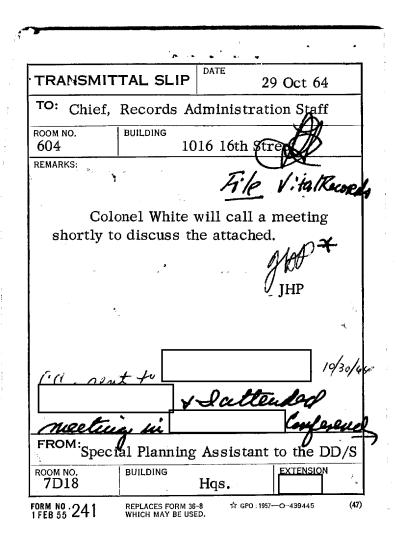
pursue the policy of having an alternate records site, but it is my belief

that it should be further away and in a more protected area than our

present system

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